Pension applications of defence personnel pending in Ministry of Defence

77. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many applications of service personnel for pension art being kept in abeyance in Defence Ministry for more than one year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No pension application is kept in abeyance in the Ministry of Defence unless thert are unavoidable reasons like Court directions etc.

(b) Does not arise.

Import and manufacture of mythyl chloroform in India

78. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are aware of the findings of US EPA about two dangerous compounds which threaten ozone layer, as reported in the Indian Express of the 4th July. 1990;

(b) whether any R and D work has been undertaken on the said subjects in India; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details regarding import and manufacture of mythyl chloroform in India and the quantity used, the names of manufactures and users?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) Scientific research undertaken around the world has established that certain compounds, including the two compounds about which the findings of the US EPA have been reported in the Indian Express daily of 4th July, 1990, cause damage to the Ozone layer in the stratosphere.

(c) The current use of myhtyl chloroform in India is approximately 1000 metric tonnes per annum. This is used as vapour degreasing agent in automobile, electronic and engineering industries. The only manufacturer of mythyl chloroform in India is M|s. Standard Alkalies Ltd., with a licensed capacity of 3000 tonnes per annum. The imports of methyl chloroform in the country are negligible.

Dissatisfaction over Pollution Control measures in Industries

79. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chairman of Central Polution Control Board has expressed dissatisfaction with the Pollution Control measures being taken by indusrties, as reported in the Indian Express dated 4th July, 1990;

(b) whether Government are aware that false certificates are issued by the officials of Polution Control agencies; and

(c) whether Government propose to investigate into the matter, and what corrective steps taken or are proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) Yes, Sir. While delivering the key note address at a Conference on 'Industry and Environment' organised by the Indian Environmental Society, in Delhi on 3rd July, 1990, the Chairman, Central Polution Control Board said that the expenditures incurred on anti-pollution measures by polluting industries is done in a half-hearted spirit only to meet the compulsions of law. He further emphasised that though Pollu-